

Serial No. 10/659,707
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawings include changes to Figure 5. This sheet, which includes Figure 5, replaces the original sheet including Figure 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23, 25-31 and 33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-7, 9, 11, 12, 16, 22, 25, 26, 28, 20 and 33 are amended, claims 24 and 32 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The drawings stand objected to based on an informality in Figure 5. The numeral designation 68 has been changed from "SUSTAIN DRIVER" to "SUSTAIN VOLTAGE SOURCE" to be consistent with the specification. Hence, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The specification stands objected to based on informalities. The indicated informalities have been amended in the specification. Hence, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 22 and 30 stand objected to based on informalities. Claims 5, 22, 25 and 30 have been amended to overcome the indicated informalities, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 9, 11, 16 and 19 have been amended to more particularly point out the claimed invention. Hence, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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The claims stand rejected as follows:

- (1) Claims 1, 2 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Ide et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0001802) (hereinafter “Ide”);
- (2) Claims 22, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Atsushi (Japanese Patent No. 2002-207449) (hereinafter “Atsushi”);
- (3) Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ide.
- (4) Claims 9, 10, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ide in view of Atsushi; and
- (5) Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Atsushi.

However, claims 3-5, 8, 11-15, 18-21, 24-29, 32 and 33 are indicated as allowable. For the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 3, independent claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claims 7 and 11, independent claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent 24, allowable dependent claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form, and independent claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 32. Hence, the above rejections are believed to be moot, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Daniel Y.J. Kim**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachment: Figure 5 (Replacement & Annotated Sheets)

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